

# Literature Response Questions

Do any of the characters change in the story? What caused them to change?

Would you like to read something else by this author? Why or why not?

How are you different from one of the characters? Explain.

How might the story be different if it had happened somewhere else (or in a different time period)?

If you could trade places with one of the characters, which one would it be, and why?

If you had been the main character in this story, would you have acted differently? Explain why or how.

Was there a character you didn't like? Why didn't you like this character?

How did you feel about this story? Would you recommend it to someone else? Why or why not?

What was the theme or the author's message? What events helped you figure out the message?

What do you think was the best part of the story? Why?

## Nonfiction Journal Prompts



Directions:

Read the assigned selection and write a response. Begin each response with the book title and the date of your journal entry. Example:

Book Title Nov. 2, 2002

Before you read the book . . .

- ♦ What do you know about the topic before getting started on the book?
- ♦ What do you want to learn?
- ♦ Why did you choose this book?

While reading the book . . .

- ♦ What information surprised you?
- ♦ How can you use this information in your life?
- ♦ What information do you question or think might not be correct? How might you check it out?
- ♦ What is the most important thing you have learned? Why?
- ♦ What is the most interesting thing you read?
- ♦ What techniques does the author use to make this information easy to understand?
- ♦ Where do you think you could look for more information on this topic?

## Fiction Response Journal Prompts

Read the assigned selection and write a response. Begin each response with the book title and the date of your journal entry. Example:

Book Title Nov. 2, 2002



- ♦ Tell about what happened in the story.
- ♦ Ask questions about things that confuse you or that you wonder about.
- ♦ Describe your feelings about the events.
- ♦ Describe your feelings about characters.
- ♦ Copy down a quote from a character and tell why you think it's meaningful.
- ♦ Describe your favorite part.
- ♦ Make a prediction about what will happen next.
- ♦ Tell how you would react if you were one of the characters in the story.
- ♦ Describe a part that surprised you.
- ♦ Does the author use any strong imagery in the story (similes, metaphors, etc.)? Give examples.
- ♦ Write a letter to the author or a character.
- ♦ Draw pictures or create graphic organizers.